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FROM USDEL 90

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: BONIFACIO PROPERTY

1. DURING COURSE DISCUSSIONS ON AREAS TO BE RELINQUISHED BY U.S., WE HAVE REMINDED PHILDEL THAT THERE IS SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS REGARDING BONIFACIO TERRITORY RELINQUISHED IN 1956. WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT MATTER BE HANDLED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES OUTSIDE MILITARY BASE AGREEMENT, BUT COINCIDENTALLY WITH IT.

2. WE INTEND TO SUGGEST TO THE PHIL DEL THAT THEY OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE THAT WOULD SATISFY THEIR LAW AND WOULD RESULT IN CONVEYANCE OF FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. THIS WOULD THEN BE CONVEYED TO USG BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ENCLOSED AT THE SAME TIME THATTHE
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FACILITIES AGREEMENT IS SIGNED. THE PROPOSED GOP NOTE

WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY THE FOLLOWING FORM:

"EXCELLENCY,

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO A PREVIOUS EXCHANGE OF NOTES (U.S. EMBASSY NOTE NO. 0634 DATED 5 DECEMBER 1956 AND DFA NOTE. 3385, DATED 6 DECEMBER 1956) UNDER WHICH THE UNITED STATES RELINQUISHED TO THE PHILIPPINES ALL CLAIMS TO TITLES RELATIVE TO THE MILITARY BASES LOCATED IN THE COUNTRY. THE UNITED STATES ALSO PROPOSED TO RETAIN A PARCEL OF LAND OF APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES LOCATED AT FORT MCKINLEY (NOW FORT BONIFACIO) TO BE USED A PART OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO THAT PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, THE AGREEMENT WAS NEVER FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE DEFUNCT CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF THE LAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

"I NOW HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS TAKEN THE NECESSARY ACTION TO RECONVEY FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO THE LAND IN QUESTION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ON THIS MATTER.

"ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."
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